

571—116.5(483A) Duties of the department. During periods of excessive deer populations, the department shall promote the harvest of deer by hunters and the donation of deer at meat processors participating in HUSH. During periods of nonexcessive deer populations, HUSH may continue with less emphasis on promotion to hunters.

116.5(1) *Meat processors.* The department shall enlist as many meat processors as available to participate in HUSH and shall enter into uniform agreements with meat processors. The department shall provide forms for donations of deer by hunters, posters for meat processors to advertise their participation, venison pickup receipts and invoices, and two-pound freezer bags for use by meat processors that are HUSH participants. The department shall provide informational and promotional materials to meat processors regarding HUSH.

116.5(2) *Venison distributor.* The department shall enter into an annual agreement with the Food Bank of Iowa or, in the event the Food Bank of Iowa discontinues participation in HUSH, other service providers designated by future contract to carry out the duties described in 571—116.6(483A). The department shall pay the distributor a per-deer rate of payment for administrative services provided. The department shall make such payments to the distributor as described in the annual agreement for the purpose of making payments to participating meat processors.